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SUBJECT: R/V ERIN LEDDY-JONES FISH LARVAE STUDIES-  
JULY - AUGUST 1976

1. THE R/V ERIN LEDDY-JONES PLANS TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN MEXICAN TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING THE PERIOD 15 JULY TO 24 AUGUST 1976. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH OPERATES THE SHIP AS A PRIVATE VESSEL AND IT IS FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. OBJECTIVE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO STUDY LEPTOCOPHALUS (MEANING SMALL-HEADED) AND OTHER FISH LARVAE IN THE GULF OF MEXICO. THIS WILL BE THE THIRD SUCH CRUISE CONDUCTED IN MEXICAN WATERS. SAMPLES WILL BE COLLECTED AND PRESERVED FROM PLANKTON TOWS CONDUCTED AT NIGHT TO DETERMINE KINDS, ABUNDANCE, AND DISTRIBUTION. ADULT EELS WILL BE COLLECTED BY BOTTOM TRAWLING. TEMPERATURE, SALINITY, ACIDITY, AND OXYGEN CONTENT WILL ALSO BE MEASURED USING A MARTEK WATER QUALITY ANALYZER.

2. ALL THE SCIENTIFIC DATA WILL BE SHARED WITH THE GOM AND ALL THE PLANKTON SAMPLES WILL BE DEPOSITED WITH THE  
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CENTRO DE PRECLASIFICACION OCEANICA DE MEXICO. THE

SMALLNESS OF THE SHIP REQUIRES THAT ONLY ONE BERTH BE MADE AVAILABLE TO A MEXICAN PARTICIPANT.

3. THE SHIP IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE GALVESTON ON 15 JULY AND ARRIVE AT VERACRUZ ON 22 JULY. DURING THE PERIOD 22 JULY THROUGH 7 AUGUST THE SHIP WILL WORK OUT OF VERACRUZ NOT RANGING MORE THAN 3 OR 4 HOURS AWAY FROM PORT IN THE EVENT BAD WEATHER OCCURS. SAMPLING WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM 2 TO 40 NM OFFSHORE AND WILL BE CONCENTRATED IN THE AREA OF THE 100 FATHOM LINE.

4. CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP IS WILLIAM MAYE AND THERE WILL BE A CREW OF 3 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 3. DR. WILLIAM H. HULET, CHIEF OF THE MARINE MEDICAL DIVISION AT THE MARINE BIOMEDICAL INSTITUTE IS THE CHIEF SCIENTIST.

5. R/V ERIN LEDDY-JONES IS A 51 FT STERN TRAWLER WITH A 6 FT DRAFT AND WEIGHT OF 36 GROSS TONS.

6. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WYU 8904 AND SHIP HAS VOICE COMMUNICATIONS ON FM CHANNELS 6, 16, 26, 28, 13 AND 14.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY SEEK CLEARANCE FROM GOM FOR R/V ERIN LEDDY-JONES TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN MEXICAN TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING PERIOD 15 JULY - 24 AUGUST 1976. ALSO, REQUEST PERMISSION TO OPERATE OUT OF VERACRUZ DURING 22 JULY - 7 AUGUST 1976. KISSINGER

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